

REMARKS

Claims 2-17 and 19 are currently pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner objected to claim 4 for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for "time duration of the selected feature". Applicant has amended claim 4 to provide proper antecedent basis and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to claims 8-16 and 19 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated however that claims 8-16 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 8 and 19 in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant therefore submits that claims 8 and 19 are allowable as are claims 9-16 that depend therefrom.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0093034 to Girouard et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,779,645 to Olson et al. Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 18 and amended claims 2 and 5-7 to depend from allowable claim 8. Applicants have also amended claim 17 to include the allowable subject recited in claims 8 and 19. Applicants therefore submit that claims 2, 5-7 and 17 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Girouard et al. in view of Olson et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0010122 to Nearing et al. The Examiner also rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Girouard et al. in view of Olson et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0091330 to MacAdam et al.

In view of the foregoing analysis of independent claim 8 in view of Girouard et al. and Olson et al., Applicants believe that the rejection of dependent claims 3 and 4 under §103 is rendered moot as claims 3 and 4 depend from allowable independent claim 8.

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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